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COUNTY OF TARRANT

NOTICE OF CONFIDENTIALITY RIGHTS: IF YOU ARE A NATURAL PERSON, YOU MAY REMOVE OR STRIKE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM THIS INSTRUMENT BEFORE IT IS FILED FOR RECORD IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS: YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER.

NO SURFACE USE OIL AND GAS LEASE

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(and referred to herein as "Said Land," the "Property," or the "Leased Premises"). The Property shall include all strips and gores, streets, easements, highways and alleyways adjacent thereto. Lessor agrees to execute at Lessee's request any additional or supplemental instruments reasonably necessary for a more complete or accurate description of the Property. For the purpose of determining the amount of any shut-in royalties hereunder, the number of gross acres specified above shall be deemed correct, whether actually more or less. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the fifteen percent (15%) per NMA minimum bonus requirement stated above shall not apply to those properties zoned, identified, or classified outside the general zoning designation "single family residential," as determined by the local governing authority (excludes those properties zoned, identified, or classified as multi-family, commercial, duplex, condominium, or some variation thereof as defined by the local governing authority).

- 2. <u>Term.</u> Subject to the other provisions contained herein, trus Lease shall be for a term of thirty-six (36) months from the date hereof (the "Primary Term"), and for as long thereafter as oil or gas or other substances covered hereby are produced in paying quantities from the Mineral Estate or from lands pooled therewith, or this Lease is otherwise maintained in effect pursuant to the provisions hereof.
- 3. Option Clause. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, Lessee and/or its assigns is hereby granted the exclusive option, to be exercised prior to the date which this Lease would expire in accordance with its terms and provisions, of extending this Lease for an additional period of two (2) years as to all, but not a portion, of the Property. The only action required by Lessee to exercise this option is payment made to Lessor prior to expiration of the Primary Term of this Lease of an additional consideration of the sum equal to the original cash bonus paid to Lessor as a bonus for signing the Lease, which payment shall cover the entire two (2) year extended Primary Term. Should this option be exercised as herein provided, it shall be considered for all purposes as though this Lease originally provided for a primary term of five (5) years.
- 4. <u>Minerals Covered</u>. For purposes of this Lease, the "Mineral Estate" means oil, gas and other liquid and gaseous hydrocarbons and their constituent elements produced through a well bore. "Oil" includes all condensate, distillate and other liquid and gaseous hydrocarbons produced through a well bore. "Gas" includes helium, carbon dioxide and other commercial gases, as well as hydrocarbon gases. Expressly excluded from the Mineral Estate and this Lease are lignite, coal, sulfur and other like minerals. Lessee shall have no rights to water in, on, or under lands of Lessor.
- 5. Royalties. Royalties on Oil, Gas and other substances produced and saved hereunder shall be paid by Lessee to Lessor as follows: (a) for Oil and other liquid hydrocarbons separated at Lessee's separator facilities, the royalties shall be twenty-five percent (25%) of the market value of such production, computed at the wellhead or to Lessor's credit at the oil purchaser's transportation facilities, provided that Lessee shall have the continuing right to purchase such production at the wellhead market price then prevailing in the same field (or if there is no such price then prevailing in the same field, then in the nearest field in which there is such a prevailing price) for production of similar grade and gravity; and (b) for Gas (including casinghead gas) and all other substances covered hereby, the royalties shall be twenty-five percent (25%) of the proceeds realized by Lessee from the sale thereof, computed at the point and on the date of sale, provided that Lessee shall have the continuing right to purchase such production at the prevailing wellhead market price paid for production of similar quality in the same field (or if there is no such price then prevailing in the same field, then in the nearest field in which there is such a prevailing price) pursuant to comparable purchase contracts entered into on the same or nearest preceding date as the date on which Lessee commences its purchases hereunder. Lessor's twenty-five percent (25%) royalty on such production is subject to possible enhancements and increases pursuant to an unrecorded letter agreement dated of even date with this Lease and entered and agreed to by and between Lessor and Lessee.

Lessee shall pay to Lessor the following royalties, which shall, except for Lessor's share of production severance taxes, be free of all costs of any kind, including, but not limited to,

costs of gathering, production, transportation, treating, compression, dehydration, processing, marketing, trucking or other expense, directly or indirectly incurred by Lessee, whether as a direct charge or a reduced price or otherwise. In this regard, Lessee agrees to bear one hundred percent (100%) of all costs and expenses incurred in rendering oil or gas produced on or from the Leased Premises marketable and delivering the same into the purchaser's or transporter's trucks or pipeline. Additionally, said royalties shall never bear, either directly or indirectly, under any circumstances, the costs or expenses (including depreciation) to construct, repair, renovate or operate any pipeline, plant, or other facilities or equipment used by Lessee in connection with the separation, extraction, gathering, processing, refining, transporting, manufacturing or marketing of oil or gas produced from the Leased Premises or lands pooled therewith.

Royalties on Oil, Gas and other substances produced and saved hereunder which are processed in a processing plant in which Lessee, or an affiliate of Lessee, has a direct or indirect interest, shall be calculated based upon the highest of the proceeds received or the market value of the products so processed on the date of production. Similarly, on Oil, Gas and other substance produced and saved hereunder which are sold to Lessee, or an affiliate of Lessee, royalties shall be paid based upon the higher of the market value of the products so sold on the date of production and the proceeds received by Lessee for said products. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, in no event shall any of Lessor's royalties bear any part of the direct or indirect costs of production or any postproduction costs, including, but not limited to, costs of lifting, gathering dehydration, compression, separation, delivery, transportation, manufacture, processing, treating or marketing, or for construction, operation or depreciation of any plant or other facility or equipment for processing or treating Oil, Gas, or other substances produced from the Property or lands pooled therewith or production tests conducted. In no event shall Lessor receive a price less than Lessee in sales to non-affiliates. It is the intent of the parties that the provisions of this section are to be fully effective and enforceable and are not to be construed as "surplusage" under the principles set forth in Heritage Resources v. NationsBank, 939 S.W.2d 118 (Tex. 1997).

If the gas produced from the Leased Premises is sold by Lessee pursuant to an armslength contract with a purchaser which is not an affiliate of Lessee, and the contract provides for (i) net proceeds to be paid to Lessee which equal or exceed the market value of the gas at the point of delivery to such purchaser at the time such contract is entered into, and (ii) a term no longer than that which is usual and customary in the industry at the time the contract is made, then the market value of the gas sold pursuant to such contract shall be the total proceeds received by Lessee in such sale.

As used herein, "affiliate" shall mean (i) a corporation, joint venture, partnership or other entity that owns more than ten percent (10%) of the outstanding voting interest of Lessee, or in which Lessee owns more than ten percent (10%) of the outstanding voting interest; or (ii) a corporation, joint venture, partnership or other entity in which, together with Lessee, more than ten percent (10%) of the outstanding voting interest of both the Lessee and the other corporation, joint venture partnership or other entity is owned or controlled by the same person or group of persons.

Lessee shall disburse or cause to be disbursed to Lessor its royalties on production from a particular well not later than one hundred twenty (120) days after the end of the month following first delivery of Oil, Gas, or other substances produced from the well into the

pipeline. Thereafter, Lessee shall disburse or cause to be disbursed to Lessor by the last day of each month its royalties on production for which Lessee received payment in the preceding month, but in no event shall royalties be paid more than sixty (60) days after the last day of the month of production. If not paid when due, Lessor's royalties shall bear interest at the maximum lawful rate from due date until paid, which amount Lessee agrees to pay. Acceptance by Lessor of royalties that are past due shall not act as a waiver or estoppel of its right to receive interest due thereon unless Lessor expressly so provides in writing signed by Lessor.

The receipt by Lessee, an affiliate, or Lessee's operator, from a purchaser or a pipeline company of proceeds of production for distribution to Lessor shall not result in Lessee, or Lessee's operator, acquiring legal or equitable title to those proceeds, but Lessee, or Lessee's operator, will at all times hold the proceeds in trust for the benefit of Lessor. Notwithstanding the insolvency, bankruptcy, or other business failure of a purchaser of production from the Property, or pipeline company transporting production from the Property, Lessee shall remain liable for payment to Lessor for, and agrees to pay Lessor all royalties due Lessor, together with interest if not timely paid. Lessor retains the right to terminate the Lease for failure to pay royalties, after a period of written notice and opportunity to cure, which shall not exceed sixty (60) days.

- 6. Shut-in Royalties. If at the end of the Primary Term or any time thereafter one or more wells on the Property or lands pooled therewith are capable of producing Oil, Gas, or other substances covered hereby in paying quantities, but such well or wells are either shut-in or production therefrom is not being sold by Lessee, such well or wells shall nevertheless be deemed to be producing in paying quantities for the purpose of maintaining this Lease. A well that has been drilled but not fraced shall be deemed capable of producing in paying quantities. If for a period of ninety (90) consecutive days such well or wells are shut-in or production therefrom is not being sold by Lessee, then Lessee shall pay shut-in royalties of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per NMA then covered by this Lease on or before the end of said 90-day period and thereafter on or before each anniversary of the end of said 90-day period while the well or wells are shut-in or production therefrom is not being sold by Lessee; provided, however, that if this Lease is otherwise being maintained by operations, or if production is being sold by Lessee from another well or wells on the Property or lands pooled therewith, no shut-in royalties shall be due until the end of the 90-day period next following cessation of such operations or production. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, it is expressly understood and agreed that after the expiration of the Primary Term, Lessee shall not have the right to continue this Lease in force by payment of shut-in royalties for more than one single period of up to two (2) consecutive years.
- 7. <u>Payments</u>. All payments under this Lease shall be paid or tendered to Lessor at the address in Section 1, or at such address or to Lessor's credit at such depository institution in lawful U. S. currency as Lessor may provide written notice of from time to time. All payments or tenders may be made by check or electronic transfer.
- 8. <u>Continuous Drilling Obligations</u>. If Lessee drills a well which is incapable of producing in paying quantities (a "Dry Hole") on the Property or lands pooled therewith, or if all production (whether or not in paying quantities) permanently ceases from any cause, including a revision of unit boundaries pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 or

the action of any governmental authority, then in the event this Lease is not otherwise being maintained in force it shall nevertheless remain in force if Lessee commences reworking an existing well or begins drilling an additional well or for otherwise obtaining or restoring production on the Property or lands pooled therewith within one hundred twenty (120) days after completion of operations on such Dry Hole, or within one hundred twenty (120) days after such cessation of all production. If at the end of the Primary Term or 90 days prior to the end of the primary term, or at any time thereafter, this Lease is not otherwise being maintained in force but Lessee is then engaged in drilling. reworking or any other operations reasonably calculated to obtain or restore production therefrom, this Lease shall remain in force so long as any one or more of such operations are prosecuted with no cessation of more than one hundred twenty (120) consecutive days, and if any such operations results in the production of Oil, Gas, or other substances covered hereby, as long thereafter as there is production in paying quantities from the Property or lands pooled therewith. After completion of a well capable of producing in paying quantities hereunder, Lessee shall drill such additional wells on the Property or lands pooled therewith as a reasonably prudent operator would drill under the same or similar circumstances (a) to obtain production from the Property as to formations then capable of producing in paying quantities on the Property or lands pooled therewith, or (b) to protect the Property from uncompensated drainage by any well or wells located on other lands not pooled therewith. There shall be no covenant to drill exploratory wells or any additional wells except as expressly provided herein.

9. Pooling. Lessee shall have the right but not the obligation to pool all or any part of the Property or interests therein with any other lands or interests owned or leased by Lessee and its affiliates, and as to any or all substances covered by this Lease, either before or after the commencement of production, whenever Lessee deems it necessary or proper to do so in order to prudently develop or operate the Property, whether or not similar pooling authority exists with respect to such other lands or interests; provided, however, that the entire Property covered by this Lease shall be included in any unit created pursuant to the pooling authority granted herein. The unit formed by such pooling for an oil well which is not a horizontal completion shall not exceed eighty (80) acres plus a maximum acreage tolerance of ten percent (10%) and for a gas well or a horizontal completion shall not exceed six hundred forty (640) acres plus a maximum acreage tolerance of ten percent (10%). For the purpose of the foregoing, the terms "oil well" and "gas well" shall have the meanings prescribed by applicable law or the appropriate governmental authority, or if no definition is so prescribed, "oil well" means a well with an initial gas-oil ratio of less than 100,000 cubic feet per barrel, and "gas well" means a well with an initial gas-oil ratio of 100,000 cubic feet or more per barrel, based on 24-hour production test conducted under normal producing conditions using standard lease separator facilities or equivalent testing equipment, and "horizontal completion" means a well in which the horizontal component of the gross interval in the reservoir exceeds the vertical component thereof. In exercising its pooling rights hereunder, within one hundred twenty (120) days of first production, Lessee shall file of record a written declaration describing the unit and stating the effective date of pooling which may be retroactive to first production. In the event Lessor's acreage is included in a unit, all of Lessor's acreage shall be included in a unit. Production, drilling or reworking operations anywhere on a unit which includes the Property shall be treated as if it were production, drilling or reworking operations on the Property, except that the production on which Lessor's royalties are calculated shall be that proportion of the total unit production

as to such portion or portions of this Lease which have terminated under the terms of this Lease. Subject to the terms of paragraph 2, upon the expiration of the Primary Term of this Lease, upon the expiration of any extension or renewal of the Primary Term, or after cessation of operations as provided herein, whichever occurs last, this Lease shall terminate as to all rights lying one hundred feet (100') below either (1) the deepest depth drilled in any well drilled on the Property or on lands pooled therewith or (2) the stratigraphic equivalent of the base of the deepest formation producing or capable of producing in any well drilled on the Property or on lands pooled therewith, whichever is the deepest; provided, however, if Lessee is then engaged in operations on the Property or on lands pooled therewith, this Lease shall remain in full force and effect as to all depths so long as no more than one hundred and twenty (120) days elapse between operations.

- 12. No Surface Use. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Lease, Lessee shall not enter upon the surface of, cross over, place any structure or building upon, or conduct any operations (including but not limited to geophysical/seismic operations) on the surface of the Property, or within six hundred feet (600') of any structure on the Property, without Lessor's written consent. Lessee shall only develop the Property by pooling, as provided herein, or by directional or horizontal drilling commenced from a surface location on other lands, unless agreed to in writing by both Lessor and Lessee. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Lease, Lessee shall have no right to drill horizontally, vertically, or at an angle under the Leased Premises at any depth that is less than three hundred (300) feet below the surface without Lessor's expressed written consent. Lessor's consent to the surface uses contemplated by this provision may be withheld for any reason. Lessee shall make all reasonable efforts not to use residential or neighborhood streets or thoroughfares in developing the Leased Premises, or any lands pooled therewith or otherwise. Lessee shall have no right to transmit or transport gas under the surface of the Property at any depth that is less than three hundred (300) feet below the surface of the Property without Lessor's written consent. The terms and provisions of this paragraph shall be controlling over any contrary provisions located elsewhere in this Lease.
- 13. <u>Noise</u>. Noise levels associated with Lessee's operations related to the drilling, completion and reworking of wells shall be kept to a reasonable minimum (not more than 5db over ambient levels), taking into consideration reasonably available equipment and technology in the oil and gas industry, the level and nature of development and surface use elsewhere in the vicinity of Lessee's drill sites and the fact Lessee's operations are being conducted in or near an urban residential area. If Lessee utilizes any non-electric-powered equipment in its operations, Lessee shall take reasonable steps to muffle the sound therefrom by installing a noise suppression muffler, like equipment or barrier.
- 14. <u>Traffic.</u> Lessee understands the residential streets within the area surrounding the Property boundaries are neither designed nor built to carry commercial traffic. Lessee agrees to instruct its employees and contractors to avoid using said streets, unless such use is necessary and critical to Lessee's performance of the obligations set forth by this Lease and no commercially reasonable alternatives exists. Further, none of Lessee's employees or contractors shall be permitted to use said streets for parking or access to any drill site unless such route is designated by the governing municipal or state authority for the purposes contemplated by this Lease.

- 15. Regulatory Requirements and Force Majeure. Lessee's obligations under this Lease, whether express or implied, shall be subject to all applicable laws, rules, regulations and orders of any governmental authority having jurisdiction, including environmental regulations, setback requirements, restrictions on the drilling and production of wells, and the price of Oil, Gas, and other substances covered hereby. To the extent any such laws, rules, regulations or orders are less restrictive than the terms of this Lease, this Lease shall control. The breach of this paragraph will be considered a material breach of the Lease. When drilling, reworking, production or other operations are prevented or delayed by such laws, rules, regulations or orders, or by inability to obtain necessary permits, equipment, services, material, water, electricity, fuel, access or easements, or by fire, flood, adverse weather conditions, war, sabotage, rebellion, insurrection, riot, strike or labor disputes, or by inability to obtain a satisfactory market for production or failure of purchasers or carriers to take or transport such production, or by any other cause not reasonably within Lessee's control, this Lease shall not terminate because of such prevention or delay. Lessee shall not be liable for breach of any express or implied covenants of this Lease when drilling, production or other operations are so prevented, delayed or interrupted. Lessee shall take all reasonable actions to remove or end any cause of force majeure as soon as reasonably possible. Lessee understands that "Force Majeure" shall not include lack of planning or action on the part of Lessee to file a timely application for zoning changes or permits. Notwithstanding anything in this provision to the contrary, in no event shall this Lease be perpetuated by an event of Force Majeure for a period of more than one (1) consecutive year or three (3) years of cumulative time. No obligation of Lessee to pay money that has accrued and was due before the Force Majeure event occurred under this Lease will be excused or delayed by reason of such Force Majeure event.
- Environmental Compliance. Lessee shall use the highest degree of care and all reasonable safeguards to prevent contamination or pollution of any environmental medium, including soil, surface waters, groundwater, sediments, and surface or subsurface strata, ambient air or any other environmental medium in, on, or under, the Property or lands pooled therewith, by any waste, pollutant, or contaminant. Lessee shall not bring or permit to remain on the Property or lands pooled therewith any asbestos containing materials, explosives, toxic materials, or substances regulated as hazardous wastes, hazardous materials, hazardous substances (as the term "Hazardous Substance" is defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S. C. Sections 9601, et seq.) or toxic substances under any federal, state or local law or regulation ("Hazardous Materials"), except ordinary products commonly used in connection with oil and gas exploration and development operations and lawfully stored in the proper manner and quantities. LESSEE'S VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION SHALL CONSTITUTE A MATERIAL BREACH AND DEFAULT HEREUNDER AND LESSEE SHALL INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS AND DEFEND LESSOR, ITS AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, TENANTS, GUESTS, INVITEES AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS FROM AND AGAINST ANY CLAIMS, DAMAGES. JUDGMENTS. PENALTIES, LIABILITIES, AND COSTS REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COURT COSTS) CAUSED BY OR ARISING OUT OF (1) A VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING PROHIBITION OR (2) THE PRESENCE. RELEASE OR DISPOSAL OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ON, UNDER OR ABOUT THE PROPERTY OR LANDS POOLED THEREWITH DURING THE TERM OF THIS LEASE. LESSEE SHALL CLEAN UP, REMOVE, REMEDY, AND REPAIR ANY SOIL OR GROUND

WATER CONTAMINATION AND DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE PRESENCE OR RELEASE OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IN, ON, UNDER OR ABOUT THE PROPERTY OR LANDS POOLED THEREWITH DURING THE TERM OF THIS LEASE IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF APPLICABLE LAW. THIS INDEMNIFICATION AND ASSUMPTION SHALL APPLY, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, LIABILITY FOR RESPONSE ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN PURSUANT TO CERCLA OR ANY OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL LAW OR REGULATION. LESSEE SHALL IMMEDIATELY GIVE LESSOR WRITTEN NOTICE OF ANY BREACH OR SUSPECTED BREACH OF THIS PARAGRAPH, UPON LEARNING OF THE PRESENCE OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, OR UPON RECEIVING A NOTICE PERTAINING TO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS WHICH MAY AFFECT THE PROPERTY OR LANDS POOLED THEREWITH. THE OBLIGATIONS OF LESSEE HEREUNDER SHALL SURVIVE THE EXPIRATION OR EARLIER TERMINATION, FOR ANY REASON, OF THIS LEASE.

- 17. Indemnity. LESSEE AGREES TO INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD HARMLESS LESSOR, AND LESSOR'S REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS, AND ASSIGNS AGAINST ALL EXPENSES, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LIABILITIES, AND CAUSES OF ACTION OF ANY NATURE FOR INJURY TO OR DEATH OF PERSONS AND LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES, EXPERT FEES, AND COURT COSTS, CAUSED BY LESSEE'S OPERATIONS ON THE PROPERTY OR LANDS POOLED THEREWITH OR LESSEE'S MARKETING OF PRODUCTION FROM THE LAND OR ANY VIOLATION OF ANY ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS BY LESSEE. AS USED IN THIS PARAGRAPH, THE TERM "LESSEE" INCLUDES LESSEE, ITS AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, SERVANTS, CONTRACTORS, AND ANY OTHER PERSON ACTING UNDER ITS DIRECTION AND CONTROL, AND ITS INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS.
- 18. <u>Notices</u>. All notices required or contemplated by this Lease shall be directed to the party being notified at the address identified in Section 1, unless notice of another address has been provided in writing. All such notices shall be made by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, unless another means of delivery is expressly stated
- 19. No Warranty of Title. This Lease is given and granted without warranty of title, express or implied, in law or in equity. Lessor makes no warranty of any kind with respect to title to the surface or mineral estate in the Property or any portion of or interest therein. All warranties by Lessor that might arise by common law or by statute, including but not limited to Section 5.023 of the Texas Property Code (or its successor), are excluded. By acceptance of this Lease, Lessee acknowledges that it has been given full opportunity to investigate and has conducted sufficient investigation to satisfy itself as to the title to the Property. Lessee shall assumes all risks resulting from possible title failures, including but not limited to, all monies received by Lessor from Lessee pursuant to this Lease.
- 20. <u>Curing Defaults</u>. Should Lessee at any time fail to comply with its obligations hereunder regarding construction, maintenance, or repair, Lessor shall have the right, after giving 30 days prior written notice to Lessee, to do or have done whatever is reasonable necessary to fulfill such obligations, and Lessee shall be subsequently liable to Lessor for the reasonable and necessary expenses thus incurred by Lessor. Said

expenses shall be then be due and payable within 30 days of Lessor's delivery of an itemized written statement of said expenses to Lessee.

- 21. <u>Venue and Legal Fees</u>. Venue for any dispute arising under this Lease shall lie in Tarrant County, Texas, where all obligations under this Lease are performable. At any time that any obligation of Lessee to make a payment shall not be complied with in accordance with the terms of the Lease, it is agreed and understood that Lessee will pay to Lessor interest thereon at the highest lawful rate allowed to be charged to Lessee by Lessor under the then existing statutes of the State of Texas. In addition, in the event of Lessee's breach of any provision of the Lease, Lessee shall pay to Lessor all costs and expenses reasonably incurred by Lessor for the enforcement of the provisions of this Lease, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, expert fees and expenses, and costs of court. It is agreed and understood that time is of the essence in the performing of each responsibility under the terms of this Lease.
- 22. <u>Records</u>. Lessee shall keep complete and accurate records of all its operations relating to or affecting the Property and lands with which the Property is pooled, and shall timely file those records and documents required and requested by local and state governing authorities concerning Lessee's operations under this Lease.
- 23. <u>Division Orders</u>. It is agreed that neither the Lease nor any of its terms or provisions shall be altered, amended, extended, or ratified by any division order or transfer order executed by Lessor, Lessor's successors, agents, or assigns. If Lessee shall require the execution of a division order for payment of royalties payable under the Lease, then the only form of division order permitted for Lessee's use shall be such form promulgated by the State of Texas and set forth in Section 91.402(d) of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended from time to time. Any amendment, alteration, extension or ratification of this Lease, or of any term or provision of this lease, shall be made only by an instrument clearly denominating its purpose and effect, describing the specific terms or provisions affected and the proposed change or modification hereof, and executed by the party against whom any such amendment, alteration, extension or ratification is sought to be enforced. Any purported amendment, alteration, extension or ratification not so drafted shall be of no force or effect.
- 24. <u>Subordination Agreement Fees</u>. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, neither Lessee nor Lessee's assigns shall ever require subordination, partial release of lien, release of lien, consent or other documentation from any lender or tenant of Lessor that has a lien on said land as a condition to Lessor receiving the agreed signing bonus or any subsequent royalty payment.
- 25. <u>Estoppel Requests</u>. The parties shall, from time-to-time, within 30 days after written request by the other party, deliver an estoppel certificate stating that the Lease is in full effect (or has been terminated), the unexpired term of the Lease, the status of any alleged defaults by the other party, the land(s) with which the Property is pooled, the status of drilling and/or production, and such other factual matters pertaining to the Lease as may reasonably be requested by the parties.

- 26. <u>Proportionate Reduction</u>. If Lessor owns less than the full mineral estate in all or any part of the Leased Pemises, the royalties and shut-in royalties payable hereunder for any well on any part of the Leased Premises or land pooled therewith shall be reduced to the proportion that Lessor's interest in such part of the Leased Premises bears to the full mineral estate in such part of the Leased Premises.
- 27. <u>Miscellaneous</u>. This Lease is entered into in the State of Texas and shall be construed, interpreted and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas without reference to choice-of-law rules. Should any of the provisions herein be determined to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, it is agreed that this shall not affect the enforceability of any other provision herein and that the parties shall attempt in good faith to renegotiate that provision so determined to be invalid to effectuate the purpose of and to conform to the law regarding such provision. The section titles appearing in this Lease are for convenience only and shall not by themselves determine the construction of this Lease. This Lease may be executed in one or more counterparts and by facsimile execution, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument. Singular and plural terms, as well as terms stated in the masculine feminine or neuter gender, shall be read to include the other(s) as the context requires to effectuate the full purposes of this Lease.

"The rights of Lessor under this Lease shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, all rights Lessor may have as to payment of royalty under Texas law, including, without limitation, V.T.C.A. NATURAL RESOURCES CODE §§ 91.401 through 91.405."

A MEMORANDUM OF LEASE and not the actual Lease instrument with its addendum, if any, shall be filed of record in Tarrant County, Texas, in order to give constructive notice of Lessee's leasehold interest in the property.

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IN WITNESS HEREOF, this Lease is to be effective as of the gate first written above, but

upon execution, shall be binding on each signatory and the signatory's heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.
LESSEE: The Cuffey Group, LLC
By:
Printed Name: Martin Oakes
Title: Men ber
STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TARRANT
This instrument was acknowledged before me on the
on behalf of said corporation.
ROBERT A. ROUX Notary Public, State of Texas Notary Public, State of Texas Notary's Name Printed: Notary's Commission Expires:
LESSOR: Anthony D. Hamilton LESSOR: Nicole L. Hamilton
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This instrument was acknowledged before me on the 29th day of June, 2008, by, Elaine Griffin Everett, Notary Public, for Anthony D. Hamilton
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LEGAL DESCRIPTION

LOT 10, BLOCK 2, WESTLAKE ADDITION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 388-209, PAGE 85, OF THE PLAT RECORDS OF TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS, COMPRISING .232158 GROSS ACRES.